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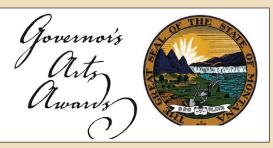
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MAC News

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Nominations open for 2015 Governor's Arts Awards

Nomination opportunities for the 2015 Governor's Awards for the Arts opened Aug. 18. Information about how to submit a candidate is available on MAC's website, **www.art.mt.gov**.

The awards program is slated for early summer 2015. Nominations and all support materials must be sent to MAC by Dec. 15. The paperless process requires nominators to submit materials online and will be managed via email.

The Governor's Arts Awards program honors outstanding citizens and organizations in Montana whose significant achievements in the arts, or on behalf of the arts, benefit all Montanans. The Governor of the State of Montana presents the Governor's Arts Awards through the Montana Arts Council.

Anyone or any organization in Montana with commensurate accomplishments can be nominated for the Governor's Arts Awards. (Awards are not given posthumously.)

Online forms and support materials that were submitted on behalf of nominees endorsed during the 2010 awards cycle are available to nominators who wish to use them to update a nomination for the 2015 cycle. If a nominator would like to access past information, please contact Cinda Holt at the Montana Arts Council: cholt@mt.gov or 406-777-0090.

Meet Sheri Jarvis: Market Development Specialist



Sheri Jarvis
is stepping in
for a one-year
appointment as
the Montana
Arts Council's
(MAC) Market
Development
Specialist upon
the departure in
early November of Cindy
Kittredge, who
is leaving the

agency for new vistas. Sheri's primary responsibilities will center on the Montana Artrepreneur Program (MAP), which is the agency's nationally recognized artist marketing- and business-skill development program.

As a professional potter, painter, and mixed-media commission artist, who spent years working in the fields of nonprofit social services and fundraising, "I have profound respect for the challenges of finding the balance and a roadmap to a sustainable life of making art and making a living," says Jarvis.

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Celebrate Montana Art

Showcase and sale draw artists from across Montana

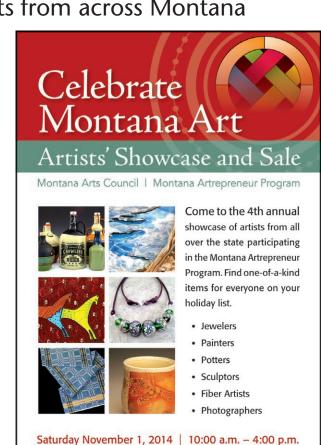
"Celebrate Montana Art" is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 1, at the Red Lion Colonial Inn in Helena. This one-day showcase and sale features the works of 65 of the Montana Arts Council's MAP (Montana Artrepreneur Program) artists who are coming together for the fourth annual Artist Gathering. Admission is free and the public is invited.

"Celebrate Montana Art" offers a rich and diverse range of work. The public will have the opportunity to purchase art and to interact with artists, learning more about the creative process and the work of the MAP artists who are creating work in a mind-bending array of media.

Their creations include art quilts, fiber art and hand-woven work, leather, hand-pulled prints, hand-thrown porcelain and stoneware pottery, clay sculptures, art glass and stained glass, photography, watercolor, acrylic and oil paintings, and jewelry in silver, brass, copper and stone. There will be lamp-worked beads, fine woodwork including spinning wheels, pencil drawings, enameled adornment, and mixed media.

At this annual event, MAP artists gather from across Montana, including Whitefish, Columbia Falls, Bozeman, Billings, Three Forks, Butte, Condon, Victor, Helena and East Helena, Noxon, Great Falls, Kalispell, Missoula, Shepherd, Lincoln, Hamilton, Ballantine, Hammond, Cut Bank, Huson, Bridger Canyon, Miles City, Wilsall, Clyde Park, Dillon, Broadus, Plains, Stevensville, Superior, and Columbus.

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Remembering two remarkable teachers Bill Raoul: Boundless kindness and eccentricity

Bill Raoul, a former designer and faculty member at The University of Montana Theatre Department, passed away Aug. 25. MAC Executive Director Arni Fishbaugh was one of the speakers at the service, held Sept. 4 at the UM Montana Theatre, having been a friend and student of Bill's. She always said Bill was the best teacher she ever had.

The following remembrance from the program captures the spirit of the memorial service, and man it honored:

This memorial celebration is an event which Bill Raoul would not attend. He disliked crowds and never went to weddings or funerals. He would have



Bill Raoul

actually preferred to attend only tech and dress rehearsals of plays – never a performance with an audience.

He loved watching movies but only at home. He loved opera but only to hear, not to see. His younger sister, Jane, described Bill (as a child) as "difficult, eccentric, creative, funny, and usually naked." This pretty much sums up Bill as an adult as well, although the nakedness was supplanted later by his omnipresent blue work shirts and blue jeans.

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Sue Hart: A sharp eye and ability to bring people together



Sue Hart (Photo by Casey Page/Courtesy of the Billings Gazette)

Longtime Montana State University Billings English professor Sue Hart, admired for her sharp eye and ability to bring people together, died Aug. 25 in Livingston. She was 78.

The Billings Gazette reports:

Hart was admired by many for her writing and editing skills, but her real passion was teaching and sharing her knowledge of Montana writers. Seattle author Ivan Doig, who was born in Montana, told the Gazette that Hart knew much about Montana literature.

"The depth of her knowledge and the way it must have come out in her teaching was unique," Doig said. "It seemed to me, popping into Montana, that Sue was the linchpin figure that people connected with literature all knew. She was a good and gracious friend."

See Condolences on page 5 for more on Sue Hart